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TRIAL DEBATES TO BE DEC. 12

THREE TRIAL TEAMS TO COM- PETE IN PRELIMINARY CONTESTS

Work on the intercollegiate debate question has progressed mightily this week, with Room 30 used as debaters' headquarters and as repository of material. The trial debates, which will determine the personnel of the squad, and the tentative arrangements of first and second teams, will take place tomorrow morning in Room 31. Mr. Archer, Mr. Hess, and Mr. Johnsrud will hear the debates, and confer as to selection of the candidates.

Inasmuch as the question of the Child Labor Amendment is being debated by the state high schools, the debaters were able to hear both an affirmative and a negative case in the process of formation at the dual Fargo-Moorhead debates Tuesday evening. Material is plentiful, altho opinions are much easier to secure than facts. Valuable pamphlets have been received from the Minnesota League of Women Voters, an important bibliography from the State Librarian, and more material is expected from the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The first debate will be held at nine o'clock. Alice Dunn, Minot, N. D.; Eva Madsen, Mohall, N. D., affirmative; versus Alfred Tollefson, Ashby; Marshall Shelstad, Clarissa. The second debate, at ten, will bring together Lawrence Lee, Fargo, and Bernice Voight, Malta, Mont., affirmative; versus Alvera Brown, Hawley, and Harold Preusse, Dumont. The last debate, at eleven, will be between teams of three persons: Bernice Caughey, Perham; Paul Benson, Evansville, and Ruth Wellander, Hallock, affirmative; versus Marie Sorknes, Madison; Ragnild Johnson, Minnesota, and Ralph Smith, Moorhead.

DELTA SIGMA ELECTS

Delta Sigma held its meeting December 3, at which the officers for the winter term were elected. The following officers were elected: Walt Williams, president; Harvey Monson, vice-president; Alfred Tollefson, treasurer; Marvin Rice, critic; Felix Boehme, chorister; Paul Benson, sergeant-at-arms; Ted Nemzek, censor. It was decided to have the winter dance of the society next Saturday, December 12.

15 TO BE AWARDED LETTERS AT FOOTBALL TURKEY DINNER

On next Wednesday at 6:15 the members of the football team will be entertained at the annual football dinner in the Home Economics room in Weld Hall. Letters are to be awarded to fifteen men and captain for next year's team will be elected. Mr. C. A. Ballard will act as toastmaster, Dr. H. R. Best of Fargo will give the main address and others who will speak are Captain Malvey, the captain elect, Arthur Storms, Mr. Hess, Mr. Burgy, Coach Nemzek, and President MacLean.

BASKETBALL WORK BEGINS

SQUAD OF TWENTY REPORTING FOR PRACTICE INCLUDES MANY VETERANS

Official basketball practice began last week when a squad of twenty men responded to Coach Nemzek's call. Several letter men of last year's squad are still in school and are among those who reported for practice. They are: Captain Erickson, Baldwin, Williams, Edwards, and T. Nemzek. Other veterans of last year's squad are C. Nemzek and Byler. Storms, veteran of three years, also is back in harness again and will make tough opposition for the stationary guard candidates.

The new men are Anderson, Gowenlock, Bowers, Simson, Wiklund, Strombo, Shelstad, Wambach, Smith, Sutton and Isaacson.

The spirit of the squad is good and, in spite of the serious handicap of poor training quarters, they are rapidly getting into good form.

Schedule Planned.

Practice games before Christmas:
January 8—Mayville State Teachers—here.
January 15—Valley City State Teachers—here.
January 23—Wahpeton Science School—here.
January 30—Concordia College—here.
February 6—Wahpeton Science School—there.
February 13—Mayville State Teachers—there.
February 20—Jamestown College—there.
February 26—Valley City State Teachers—there.
February 27—Jamestown College—there.
March 4—Concordia College—there.

WORLD COURT IS CONSIDERED

STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY TAKE ACTIVE INTEREST IN WORLD RELATIONS

Following the Thursday evening joint Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. discussion of the World Court at Wheeler Hall, last week, the women's organization voted to send Miss Louise Murray, Parkers Prairie, and Miss Frances Hall, Dilworth, to Minneapolis, as delegates to the state Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. conference at the University of Minnesota Sunday afternoon, December 6. The young ladies left Friday evening and returned Monday night. They report that the principal speaker was Mr. Frederick M. Snyder, of New York City, a noted journalist and lecturer, whose services in behalf of the World Court had been loaned to the state Y. W. C. A.

Mr. Hess Speaks.

Mr. Herbert W. Hess, instructor of social sciences, spoke during the regular assembly period last Friday, December 4, on the World Court. He read excerpts from the protocol of the World Court, and enumerated reasons why, in his belief, the United States should become a member of the court.

After his speech, a vote was taken to see whether or not the student body was in favor of the court. The vote was 340 for, and 90 against.

The vote was part of a nation-wide survey to discover the reactions of students of the country on the question.

Mr. Snyder Urges Acceptance.

To complete the propaganda for the co-operation of the United States with foreign powers in supporting the court, Mr. Frederick M. Snyder, the journalist who spoke at the state Y. M. C. A. conference, addressed the student body and faculty at a special assembly in the auditorium Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 A. M. on the subject of "Ethics, the Science of Peace." He said that, as the first interest of every nation is peace, we must risk something for peace because we are forced to risk everything for war, and stated that the World Court is the best insurance of world peace yet devised.

IF YOU CAN'T DRIVE A NAIL
WITHOUT HITTING YOUR FINGER,
LET SOMEONE ELSE HOLD IT.

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The college wishes to offer to Miss Ina Fogg, its Dean of Women, sincere sympathy on account of the death of her father at Gray, Maine. Miss Fogg left immediately upon notice of her father's serious illness, but could not reach him before he died. With her three sisters, brother and mother, she is remaining at her home till after the holidays. Her friends will welcome her back, but with genuine grief at her loss.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What difference does it make what we choose to call a person, place, or thing? Is it true that a rose would smell as sweet by any other name? But called by any other name, the anticipation of pleasures generally associated by the accepted term, "rose" would be entirely lost. The name is the forerunner of resulting thoughts and emotions gained in the realization.

A misnomer, then, is unfortunate since it carries with it and conveys a wrong impression. A misnomer may be fortunate for some things, articles and occupations—witness the response to many of the beautifully worded advertisements. But as a general rule a misnomer carries with it a feeling of distaste and dissatisfaction.

In the Teachers College, we are endeavoring to do away with several misnomers—among them, "practice teaching" and "practice teachers." Instead we are trying to supplant them with the more appropriate ones, "student teaching" done by "student teachers." The "practice" prefix more or less conveys the impression of inefficiency, an impression for the most part, unwarranted.

Let us get away from using the undesirable terms, and call them what they really are—"student teaching" and "student teachers."

Daniel L. Preston, head of the Music Department, will direct a program to be given by the Moorhead Music Club on December 16.

ANNOUNCEMENT

EXTRAORDINARY

The management of the 1926 Praeceptor is offering a prize of Five Dollars in gold to the State Teachers College student turning in the best snapshot before January 15. The snaps must be taken by amateur photographers, but need not have been taken by the persons handing them in. One person may submit one or more than one snapshot. A committee of competent judges will decide, on the following basis:

1. Local or personal interest which will make the snap suitable for publication in this year's annual.

2. Photographic excellence and artistic proportion, which is the winning snap.

Names of persons submitting pictures should be placed, in ink, on the back of each. The staff reserves the right to publish any or all snaps, but snaps not used may be returned. All snaps entered in the contest for the five dollars should be deposited in the box reserved for that purpose in the library.

SCHOOLMASTERS DISCUSS

SCHOOL PROBLEMS

"Vocational Choices of Children" and "Remedial Work in Arithmetic" were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Schoolmasters Study Club at Concordia college last Friday night.

President MacLean led the former discussion and R. J. Schofield, superintendent of schools at Perham, Minn., led the latter. These discussions were the first of a series to be held during the winter months, regarding six outstanding school problems.

The next meeting of the club will be held in Moorhead, January 28th. About thirty members attended the last meeting.

The class in Home Economics at Concordia College served the dinner which preceded the discussion.

The Book Shelf

We wish to apologize to the Library Department and to our readers for our carelessness last week in allowing a bit of material to slip into the Book Shelf Column which unfortunately did not belong there, and we shall endeavor in the future to allow the publication of nothing not specifically approved by the departments concerned.

BOOKS

We had settled down to a comfortable hour with themes, were taking an unholy delight in the charming marks which red ink made against the white, when Miss H., that ubiquitous lady, came in with four novels. They were a nice color: red, green, blue, and brown. We'd have been a cock-eyed water-spaniel if we hadn't dropped the themes for the books.

The red one, "Christina Alberta's Father" by Wells, we did not read. It must be very good, or very bad, depending on how you like your Wells, straight, adulterated, or what have you? The heroine, we have been told, is another Ann Veronica. Well, she was a first rate girl, and if you don't mind hearing the same story told again, which is Wells' forte, read "Christina Alberta's Father." The brown one, Anne Parrish's "The Perennial Bachelor," we also managed to overlook, despite the fact that several of our friends were sure it was great, others that it was poor, H. L. Mencken, not a friend of ours, that it was artistic. It won a huge Harper prize, and that prejudiced our easily perverted mind. Once we tried to win a prize and lost; ever since, we have been unable to digest other prize winners. Yes, a plain case of neuroticism.

The green book we kept for long, and read here and there. It is Galsworthy's "Caravan," his own collection and arrangement of all his tales. They are paired, an earlier story with a later ending. Some are very short, some the length of novelettes. "A Stoic," second story in the volume, provided the basis for his own play, "Old English," in which George Arliss has once again distinguished himself. The book is thick, but it can be picked up and laid down at will, the delight of short stories. The fourth book, the blue one, Conrad's unfinished "Suspense," we recommend, unhesitatingly, as a precious, exciting fragment, the last work of a master. In the vein of "The Rover" it is laid in Napoleonic times, with the portentous figure of the Emperor, exiled at Elba, shadowing the story.

—J.

Sever (looking at check book)—Gosh, 'm almost broke; I have only two check blanks left.

The Column

The Perils of Penmanship.

It is authoritatively rumored that Mr. E. Gates, Gent., is an almost daily visitor below stairs in Pennie's Penmanship Parlors. This is a very old joke, has been repeated again and again, always with the same ludicrous effect. Drop in some time and have a look at the Gates' chirography. Not to have seen it, is like not to have seen the Ocean, not to have heard Chaliapin. . . .

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ADDITIONS TO THE CURRICULUM

Physical Education 101: Perambulating on the ice; course of study designed to establish the feet on a higher plane than the head. Highly successful in several recent instances. All the athletic benefits of the Charleston coupled with the pure sweet outdoor air of Mother Nature.

International Relations 2 by 2: A course in the theory and practice of the World Court. Interspersed with collegiate wit and humor, including the old one about the bad smell and the rotten egg. Careful attention to Articles 17, 32, 23, 22, 59, of the World Court Protocol.

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SUGGESTION

To the up-and-coming-but-where? Co-operating Committee recently nominated by the campus hoï aristoi. How about a cunning set of signals for use on our neat storm doors? A green light for "empty"; a red one for "one side about to burst open!" would relieve much embarrassment at these strategic points.

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"A POME"

Once
there was
a club which re-
fused to put on a Xmas
Sale, but it was
much too good
for this
world!

CONTRIBUTE TO NEAR

EAST RELIEF FUND

Students at the State Teachers College contributed \$26.30 to the Near East Relief fund through a novel dinner given at the college Sunday. A meal typical of the meals being served to the needy in the Near East was served to the students and the amount saved in this way was donated to the fund.

The faculty people also contributed to the fund in the same way. Miss Rose Lund, Bowbells, N. D., was in charge of the work here.

WORK ON ANNUAL MOVES FORWARD WITH MOUNTING OF PICTURES

With the task of mounting the senior pictures on panels well under way work on the Praeceptor has progressed to such an extent that by the holidays, about one third of the book will be ready. The book will go to press for the first run, which comprises printing of the boarders to the pages and tint blocks which are used as backing for some of the finer pictures, some time during the winter. The final run of type matter in all sections will begin in late March. It is hoped this year to have the annual ready for delivery to subscribers the middle of May.

The Senior panel design originated by Miss Evelyn Johnson, will make a very effective background for the pictures of the more than two hundred members of the class. The mounting is a delicate job, requiring great care, and is in charge of the art editors, Misses Johnson and Healy. Miss Healy has created the border design to be used thruout the book.

Miss Edna Swan and Alfred Tollefson have been working on the Senior section; Miss Janet Smith is preparing the introductory narrative of college history and has received interesting material from many sources, among them J. Paul Goode; Miss Irene Felde is devoting special attention to a new section, College Life, an innovation in the 1926 book; Miss Alice Dunn is working out an elaborate burlesque in the closing section of the book. The business staff, too, is busy; at present their efforts are concentrated on advertising solicitation; Mr. Claude Nemzek is finding Moorhead merchants very receptive; Miss Allen and Harold Preusse plan to work Fargo.

GOSPEL TEAM HOLDS

WOLD PEACE SERVICE

The Gospel Team made a trip to the Oak Mound church last Sunday afternoon and gave a program centered about a World Peace program. Peace, it was declared, can only come about if the nations cease their fruitless endeavors to outdo each other, and rather use their surplus energy in constructive production. Man should feel love for his fellow man, and nations should feel love for their fellow nations.

George Simson, Ormenso Bjork, and Alfred Tollefson spoke, and Felix Boehme played two violin solos, accompanied on the organ by Miss Thompson. Miss Edlund played the hymns that were sung.

Exchanges

As this is the first appearance of the Exchange Column, the MISTIC gratefully acknowledges the following exchanges:

The Teachers College Budget, Valley City, N. D.: Your school must be bubbling over with pep and spirit—if your paper is any indication of the condition of the school.

En Aye, Ellendale, N. D.: An interesting little paper.

The Slope Teacher, Dickinson, N. D.: The merchants of Dickinson have realized the value of the "Slope Teacher," and have responded liberally in their advertisements.

Pep-O, Barnesville, Minn.: The Pep-O is always a welcome exchange.

The Eastern, Madison, S. D.: The MISTIC congratulates the Eastern on its Alumni Column, which shows the interest the school shows in its former students.

The Rowser, Madison, Minn.: The Rowser is a peppy high school paper. It is a good example of what can be done in a high school with the hearty support of the students.

The University of North Dakota broadcasted its first radio program of the year two weeks ago. The program consisted of speeches by Miss M. Beatrice Johnstone and J. R. Carley, of Grand Forks, and several selections by the Girls' Glee Club.

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Tender and True.

In the glooming, oh, my darling,
When the lights are dim and low,
That your face is powder painted,
How am I, sweetheart, to know?
Twice this month I've had to brindle
Every coat that I possess
To the cleaners—won't you, darling,
Love me more and powder less?

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Seniors of Florida University are wearing derbies and carrying canes.

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Freshmen at the University of Kansas must enter and leave buildings through specified doors.

—The Denver Clarion.

BASKETBALL MEN

ARE ENTERTAINED

Although boxing is not listed as one of the courses offered here this term, Georges Firpo Simson and Battling Wee Shelstad put on a slam bang box fight exhibition in the gym the other day for the entertainment of the basketball squad.

The show, while intensely interesting, was not of long duration as the battlers were short-winded and put on a real grudge fight. Mink Anderson, acting as referee, gave the decision to Simson when Shelstad got knocked out of wind and failed to fight back.

Training School

The new officers of the Junior High School Club have been recently elected. They are: Lester Bielfeldt, president; George Anderson, vice-president; Fern Bean, secretary and treasurer; Gordon Hanson was elected treasurer of J. H. S. Athletic Association.

The fall number of the "Moccasin," a junior high school publication, is at press. Watch for it.

The first graders are at work on various articles which promise to be appreciated Christmas gifts.

FARBMAN DELIGHTS

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE

Playing with great dash and brilliance, and adding to wise showmanship in choice of numbers the force of a charming personality, Harry Farbman, American violinist, quite captured the fair-sized audience which gathered to hear him Monday evening in the auditorium. At the close of the third and final portion of his program so great was the enthusiasm that he was returned for three encores, and everyone left with the memory of a most thrilling and satisfactory evening.

The two Bach numbers with which his program opened, Air on G String and Prelude, were skillfully executed. The long Concerto in D Major, of Paganini, established Farbman's full mastery, and the concluding group of numbers of perhaps greater familiarity completely won his audience. The final group began with the sometimes strident, always bold and interesting Prelude and Allegro of Pugnani. The famous Ave Maria of Schubert, Beethoven's gay and insouciant Turkish March, the personal appeal and great loveliness of the Chopin Nocturne, the color and movement of the Spanish Serenade of Chaminade, one of the most successful of the moderns, and the last interesting and spectacular Russian Carnival of Wienawsky provided variety, beauty, and power, combined with popular appeal.

Margaret Engler sympathetically accompanied Mr. Farbman. His encores which followed the second and the triumphant third group were, Schubert's Moment Musical, his own arrangement of Old Black Joe, and Spinning Song by Poppe.

HAMRIN TO HEAD KIWANIS

S. A. Hamrin, dean of men at the State Teachers College, was elected president of the Moorhead Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 3. He succeeds Walter C. Wright, and will take office at the first meeting in January.

MISS LOMMEN INSPECTS

WORK OF ALUMNI

Miss Lommen, head of the training school department, went to Thief River Falls last Monday to inspect the work of the Moorhead State Teachers College graduates who are teaching there.

The alumni there are Misses Frances Cook, Ruby Song, Margaret Quammen, and Anna Johnson, and Mr. Herman Webber, all of the spring class of 1925.

While at Thief River Falls, she addressed the high school assembly on "The Meaning of Education."

She returned Tuesday evening.

NEW EXTENSION COURSE

BEGUN YESTERDAY

The first extension course in "The Development of the American School" was held at the State Teachers College yesterday at 4:30 P. M., according to C. P. Archer, head of the education department, who was in charge of the work.

Two courses were prepared by Mr. Archer, "Supervision," and the course chosen by the students at registration last Monday. Classes will meet at 4:30 P. M. each Monday and Thursday during the rest of the school term.

Mr. C. P. Archer, head of the education department, will entertain the degree class, the third and fourth year group, at his home this evening.

NEMZEK ELECTED HEAD

OF LOCAL LEGION POST

Alex Nemzek, men's athletic director at the State Teachers College, was installed Tuesday night as commander of the Melvin E. Hearl post, Moorhead, American Legion. Other post officers, also, were installed at the meeting. Mr. Nemzek, elected at the recent annual post election, succeeds Conrad Euren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Moorhead.

SAND PLAYS IN ELKS' BAND

Harold Sand, Senior, Elbow Lake, Minn., is now cornetist of the Fargo Elks' Purple Band. He made his first public appearance with the band last Sunday at the State Theater in Fargo, the occasion being the Elks' Memorial Sunday.

NOTICE

The All-School Christmas Party will be held at the college gym Friday night, December 18, at 7:30 P. M. Admission ten cents.

The Country Life Club will have a social meeting in the gymnasium on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:45 p. m. Anyone interested in rural work and a good time is welcome.

Music

On account of an open date following their engagement at the Moorhead State Teachers College Mr. Harry Farbman, the violinist, and Miss Margaret Engler, his accompanist, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Fargo and Moorhead. During this time they were entertained at dinner at the Gardner on Tuesday by the Prestons' and a dinner at the Prestons' home on Wednesday. They went to Jamestown Thursday to appear in an engagement there. Miss Engler is a graduate of the Lawrence Conservatory and was a student there when Mr. and Mrs. Preston were also studying music at the same place.

The latest to enroll in the music course was James A. Dahl of St. Hilaire, Minn.

The soloist for the Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem," by Maunder, which is to be given at the auditorium Dec. 20, are: Mrs. Charles Page, Fargo, soprano; Mr. Oscar Martinson, Moorhead, baritone; Mr. Walter Wright, Moorhead, bass; Mr. Preston, tenor.

The Arion Club met yesterday at the Comstock Hall parlors to study the compositions of Schumann. The club was entertained by Miss Louise Murray, Agnes Halvorson, Beatrice Holmquist.

Mr. Preston sang a group of tenor solos at the Christmas program at the Moorhead High School last Monday. He is also to take part next Monday in a special musical program put on by the Fargo Music Club.

SCIENCE CLUB FORMED

Last Tuesday evening a group of about twenty students met at room six, Weld Hall, to form a Science Club for the purpose of making scientific investigation of electrical things. They plan to spend most of their time particularly on the construction of radio receivers of different kinds and on the study of principles underlying various types of construction.

The club elected Henry B. Weltzin, president, and Theodore Wantke, secretary-treasurer. The president appointed committees to care for equipment and to provide the club members with a professional library.

Mr. Wilfred C. White, general science teacher, is faculty director of the club. He spoke to the group on "What is electricity?"

Meetings will be held at room six in Weld Hall every Tuesday evening at seven during the winter.

SENIOR CLASS SELECTS

NEW CLASS PLAY

Because they were unable to secure amateur rights to produce "Barbara Frietchie," by Clyde Fitch, for their class play, the Seniors have decided to stage "Jeanne d'Arc," by Percy MacKaye. The play will be presented during the latter part of February.